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February 1, 2006

Dave Siminatis  
P.O. Box 591  
Hatch, Utah 84735

Subject: Mammoth Ridge 1 Quarry, S/017/048 Garfield County, Utah

Dear Mr. Siminatis:

The Division is aware of the disturbance and the problems associated with the Burningham Quarry (Mammoth Ridge). During our inspection tour on August 2, 2005, we noted your concerns and documented the disturbance at the site.

As you noted at the time of our visit there was no mining activity at the site. Western Rock had mined and crushed a large stockpile of material and had moved their equipment from the site.

It was raining at the time of our visit, so we were able to assess whether the site was contributing to any water pollution in the area. During the storm event that we experienced while at the site, it was noted that the silt-laden waters were coming mainly from the road above the site. This road was mainly being used to access your homes. We did not see any evidence that the quarry was contributing any silt to run-off waters around the site. On our next site inspection we will take note of your concerns and will evaluate the site for erosion problems.

The Division does not issue temporary permits. The permit is a life-of-mine permit that is valid as long as the operator has a valid lease from the landowner (SITLA). We do presently hold a \$15,500 reclamation bond for the site. This bond is held for the assurance that either the operator or the State will reclaim the site at the close of mining. This bond is for the present disturbance, if the operator chooses to expand the operation additional bond will be necessary.

Mining as is presently being accomplished at the site, is allowed under the present permit. If dust from the site continues to be a problem the Utah Division of Air Quality should be notified (801) 536-4000 so that they can make an evaluation of the site.

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If we can be of further assistance please feel free to contact us. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5258 or Doug Jensen at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. White".

Susan M. White  
Mining Program Coordinator  
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cc: John Blake, SITLA  
Gary Burningham, Operator

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